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Nerve agent VX projectiles



Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) and Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) workers began VXfilled 155mm projectile disposal operations on June 3, 2007. VX 155mm projectiles are 27 inches long, weigh 100 pounds, and contain approximately three quarts of liquid VX. Land mine processing will complete the VX disposal campaign at the ANCDF.

Key Messages

- The Anniston chemical munition stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) under the command of Lt.Col. Phillip M. Trued, Jr.
- Disposal is safer than indefinite storage.
- Since 1990, more than 13,870 tons of chemicals and more than 1.931.100 munitions have been safely incinerated at U.S. Army facilities.
- The U.S. Army *IS* committed to the safety of the community and the environment.



ANCDF medical team trains for emergencies Treatment facility outfitted, stocked for initial care

Dr. Howard McVeigh (I), ANCDF medical director, conducts a training session for Paramedics Georgette Dowdy and Heath Zaner (r) in the onsite medical facility. Site medical professionals train for agent exposure and other emergencies. (Creed)

Anniston Milestones

- December 1, 2007: More than 37 percent of Anniston's chemical munitions have been safely incinerated.
- June 3, 2007: Since VX disposal operations resumed, 65,069 projectiles and 39,284 gallons of liquid VX have been safely incinerated.
- July 23, 2006 ~ March 8, 2007: VXfilled M55 rocket disposal operations safely demilitarize all 35,662 rockets and warheads. Additionally, more than 41,056 gallons of VX have been processed.
- August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006: All 142,428 GB munitions and 96,246 gallons of GB nerve agent demilitarized.
- **1997** ~ **2001**: The Pentagon pays Westinghouse Anniston more than \$340 million to build the ANCDF.
- 1997: Chemical Weapons Convention (treaty) ratified.



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